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## Fun at the library

Volunteers Darren Willick and Dylan Willick sit inside a fort they helped create using cardboard boxes Saturday at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Library. The fort was created during the library's TD Summer Reading Series launch party. For more information about other programs at the library see page 16.



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# Celebrating Canada Day in Fort Erie

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Canada Day celebrations in Fort Erie will be different this year compared to previous years.

The Friendship Festival, which is traditionally held on the Canada Day weekend, will be held later this month. But there is still a lot of fun in store for families on July 1.

The Central Firefighters Association has partnered with the Kinsmen Club of Fort Erie to host the inaugural Block Party at Sugarbowl Park. The free event, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes a Junior Firefighters Challenge Course, a bouncy house, magic shows featuring Scoop McCoy and plenty of activities for the family.

The Kinsmen Pool will also be open for a free public swim.

While talking with some other firefighters, I mentioned the Friendship Festival being off the holiday weekend. They all agreed we should do something, and the ball started rolling. Central Firefighters Association member Bill Babcock said, "He added that there is a possibility of more events

next year.

"Encourage people to come out with their kids and enjoy the free swim at the pool, see our fire apparatus, our rescue boat, and talk to the firefighters who are here to serve them. We invite everyone to ask us questions. We do so much more than fight fires."

Although not necessary, Babcock said donations are appreciated.

"We're working to bring a voluntary program in that will help us first responders identify when a house has someone living inside with special needs. It will allow us to take a different approach than normal, and understand that the resident may not respond to verbal commands," he said.

The festivities continue in Ridgeway with a Canada Day ceremony at the Village Square at noon.

Jesse Boles, an associate member of the Canadian Legion Branch 230, said the half-hour long service will feature a presentation with local dignitaries and a flag parade.

Afterward, the legion, at 228 South Mill St., will host a festival, offering a bouncy



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Get ready to wave the flag for Canada Day.

house, cotton candy, a barbecue and live entertainment until 7 p.m.

Spectators are invited to bring a blanket or comfy chairs and find their favourite

spot along Lakeshore Road between Beachline Street and Dominion Road to watch what fireworks organizer Stephen Passero said will be an "exciting display."

The display will begin at 10 p.m. and spectators are encouraged to arrive early. No parking will be permitted on Beatrice Street from Lakeshore Road to Albany Street.

"We hope to see thousands of happy and smiling faces down there to watch the display," Passero said.

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## Fire ban issued for Fort Erie

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The Fort Erie Fire Department announced Monday that the town is under a fire ban until further notice.

Fire Chief Larry Coplen

said the ban was issued "due to the extremely hot and dry weather we have been experiencing."

Coplen said it is difficult to say when the ban could be lifted but the town needs to have "a good two to three days

of rain" before it can be lifted.

No open air burning is permitted anywhere in the town and the ban includes but is not limited to campfires and fires in open air burning devices such as chimneys that would normally be per-

mitted under the Fort Erie Open Air Burning Bylaw.

Residents are strongly encouraged not to use recreational fireworks while the burning ban is in effect.

While fireworks and sparklers are not currently

included in Fort Erie's ban, in the interest of public safety, the fire department has asked people to consider storing them safely for use later in the year.

While dry weather conditions are being monitored,

Coplen said the ban will not effect Friday's Canada Day fireworks display.

Residents should check the Town of Fort Erie Web site to find out when the ban has been lifted or call 905-871-1600 for more information.

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# Horse dies, trainer critically injured in racetrack incident

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Horse trainer Don Pleterski is expected to make a full recovery after the 66-year-old Toronto man was seriously injured during a pre-race warmup Sunday at Fort Erie Race Track.

Track officials did not confirm the identity of the trainer, but Tim Orlando, a longtime family friend and fellow horse trainer at Woodbine, said Pleterski was transported by Niagara Emergency Medical Services to Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, where he remained in critical condition on Monday.

"We believe that it will be a long recovery process. He is going to pull through and that's the most important thing."

Niagara Regional Police and Niagara EMS were called to the track, at 230 Catherine St., at 5:10 p.m. Police said prior to the eighth and final race, a horse on the track became skittish and lost its rider. The horse careened into a fence and injured a nearby trainer.

"From what I understand, he has a fractured skull and internal injuries," said Orlando, who was not at

the track at the time of the incident. Orlando became concerned when he learned Sunday's final race was delayed.

"In the horse racing community, everybody knows everybody. When we heard there was a delay and we weren't seeing it on TV, I made some phone calls to get up to snuff with what was going on. That's when I found out," he said.

Due to the injuries the animal sustained, the four-year-old horse named Just Like David was euthanized.

Orlando described the incident as "tragic and unfortunate."

"In 30 years at Woodbine and in Fort Erie, I am not aware of a similar circumstance like this happening, although we have heard, from time to time, some minor issues and accidents."

He stressed the incident "is a freaky, once-in-a-lifetime event."

Orlando said trainers and jockeys work together to "provide a safe environment for races" and the horses receive "the best of care."

"We are deeply saddened by the incident that occurred on Sunday," said Tom Vallquette, chief operating and financial officer of Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium.

"Our thoughts are with the trainer and his family, and all those involved in the incident."

He said safety is "always a priority" for patrons, staff and the horses at the track.

"Injuries are very rare. This is the first serious incident at the Fort Erie Race Track since the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium assumed operations in January 2010."

The final race of Sunday's card was cancelled, as was training on Monday morning. Training and live racing resumed Tuesday as scheduled.

The NRP criminal investigations branch and forensic services as well as the Ministry of Labour attended the scene.

The incident remained under investigation Monday by the ministry. "We were notified over the weekend about the incident," said Janet Deline, a spokesperson for the ministry.

"A horse bucked its rider and leapt over a fence, causing the owner of another horse to be hit and knocked unconscious. Our investigation is still ongoing," she said.

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# Bits and pieces of past coming to light at dig

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Archeologists are digging up the past before a major redevelopment can move forward in the future.

A crew of people began an examination of two patches of land approximately 100 metres south of Miller's Creek Marina on both sides of the Niagara Parkway in Fort Erie last week.

Shawn Bayes, a field director for Golder Associates, said the Niagara Parks Commission hired the company to conduct an archaeological dig to determine if there are any items in the ground that have cultural heritage value.

"We're looking for Euro-Canadian artifacts that include ceramics, plates, and things that people would have made their houses out of like nuts and

bolts," he said.

"What we're finding are tiny pieces of material for making tools and arrowheads."

Archeologists are also working with several Aboriginal groups, including the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, looking for any items that can be traced back even further.

The process involves hand digging parallel square holes, known as test pits, down to the subsoil. Archeologists sift through the soil while looking for artifacts.

Bayes said an archeological assessment conducted earlier this year revealed four sites that needed to be addressed. One site was investigated earlier this year and a "bigger site on the north side of the arena" will be inspected in September.

All of the items that are

found will be sorted, tagged and stored by Golder Associates.

The dig wrapped up Friday afternoon. Archeologists had been on site between eight to 10 hours a day since last Monday.

Tony Baldinelli, a spokesperson for the NPC, said the digs are necessary to provide additional background information to assist plans for the marina site.

Baldinelli said the NPC issued a request for qualifications in March to move forward with its plans to redevelop the marina. After receiving public feedback from a public information session and a formal request for information, the NPC chose one of three redevelopment options. The commission made a decision to improve the site by maxi-



SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Field director Shawn Bayes oversees a crew of archeologists dig at a site 100 metres south of Miller's Creek Marina Tuesday. The Niagara Parks Commission hired Golder Associates to conduct an archaeological assessment of four sites. The work needs to be completed before the commission can move forward with the redevelopment of the marina.

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mizing boating recreation with a new marina facility, provide publicly accessible activities such as fishing,

add amenities such as food and beverage and create a recreational resort through third party capital invest-

ment and operation.

## Back to drawing board for marina redevelopment

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A qualified respondent could not be identified through a request for qualifications procurement process the Niagara Parks Commission recently undertook related to

the redevelopment of its marina at Miller's Creek.

In a press release, the parks commission said it views the marina and its potential ancillary uses as an important component of the Niagara Parkway system for tourism, recreation and trail uses.

With that, the commission said it remains committed to its operation and has instructed staff to consider future business plans for the marina in Fort Erie and its associated lands, prior to a new procurement process taking place.

In 2013, Niagara Parks initiated a

formal procurement process for its marina.

Following community and stakeholder input, a request for information was issued in November 2015.

Based on the feedback, a subsequent request for qualifications was launched in February 2016.

The RFQ was to seek response to the commission's objective of creating an enhanced marina resort and destination facility, which would provide not only added community benefit, but also increased opportunities to generate and sustain economic growth along the length of the south Niagara Parkway.

"This RFQ process included a list of evaluation criteria that required respondents to provide evidence of their capacity to undertake the commission's requirements."

"While this RFQ process has ended, it has provided us with some very valuable information," said NPC chairwoman Janice Thomson.

"Combined with the work we will now be undertaking to expand on the project terms, I am confident we will be able to provide the clarity of requirements needed to ensure our vision of an enhanced Niagara Parks marina at Miller's Creek is realized."

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# Regional roads getting a reboot

MARYANNE FIRTH  
Postmedia Network

Multimillion-dollar facelifts are in the near future for two aging regional roadways.

Two portions of Lakeshore Road in St. Catharines, as well as Dominion Road in Fort Erie, are set to be revamped after receiving approval from Niagara Region's public works committee last Tuesday.

Both projects will need final approval from regional council before work commences.

Committee approved awarding the Lakeshore project, which includes reconstruction work from Lake Street to Geneva Street and from Walker's Creek to O'Mara Drive, to Peters Excavating, the lowest of three bidders, for \$5.9 million.

The roadwork, with a total budget of \$7 million, includes City of St. Catharines infrastructure improvements, including watermain and water service replacement, as well as new sidewalks. Bike lanes will also be included.

The municipality will contribute an estimated \$1.7 million.

Work on the Walker's Creek section will begin in July, followed by the section between Shoreline Drive and Geneva Street, also to begin in 2016.

Lake Street to Shoreline Drive is scheduled to start in spring of 2017.

Two phases of road reconstruction on Lakeshore have previously been completed between Lakeport Road and Lake Street and between Geneva Street and Walker's Creek.

While it was initially recommended that a request for proposals for the Dominion Road project not be issued until 2017, discussion at the meeting saw the project bumped up to priority status.

Several councillors raised concerns over the road's significant deterioration and said they did not want to see the issue again delayed.

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop expressed disappointment in the potential delay — recommended by staff due to an increased cost estimate and related budget implications.

"This is a road in serious need of reconstruction," he said, requesting that staff look to move the project forward as soon as possible.

Work will include reconstruction of the roadway between Burleigh and Buffalo roads, as well as replacement of a regional transmission watermain and installation of a local distribution watermain.

The project's scope was expanded and cost estimate increased after it was learned there were more than 45 private service connections to the transmission pipe, prompting the need for installation of the local distribution line.

Petrowski recommended reserve funds be used to support the project's increased cost to see that it move forward without waiting on completion of 2017 budget deliberations.

"Dominion Road has been on our list for far too long," he said. "We can't afford the delay."

Committee approved an additional \$3.2 million to be funded through the water capital reserve and an additional



Coun. Andy Petrowski

tional \$1.7 million to be funded through the capital levy reserve to address the issue.

If the budget increases receive final approval from council, it will bring the total project cost to \$18.6 million.

It was also specified by

committee that the project be advanced in 2016.

A design-build request for proposals is nearing completion and is expected to be issued in the near future.

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## Point of View

### Rural Ontario as separate province an appealing dream

Now that a few days have passed since the vote, Britons have stopped pinching themselves since there will be no awakening from the nightmare of Brexit.

It's all too real. Writing in the National Post Matthew Fisher put it this way: "We are now living the 21st-century equivalent of the 1930s, when reason gave way to naked nationalism and the fear of neighbours who are different, creating deep fissures that will be impossible to repair."

Does the Brexit victory mean the nativists, immigration-haters and assorted other neanderthals will win the day in the United States in November and elect Donald Trump?

And what does this mean for Scotland's independence movement since the Scots voted to stay in the EU?

In Canada, will it stir up separatist fervour in Quebec once again and lead to yet another round of agonizing constitutional wrangling?

Or how about in Alberta, where separatist sentiment has been bubbling just below the surface for generations?

The move to get Britain out of the European Union was about more than just anti-immigration rhetoric and unreasonable fear.

One factor was frustration with unresponsive bureaucrats.

The conventional view of these bureaucrats is their heads are stuck firmly in the sand except for those moments when they look up long enough to deny yet another request from the people they are supposed to serve.

Or to set up a committee to exhaustively examine an issue that everyone outside their tight little circle already understands.

Because of this frustration with bureaucracies that have taken on such a life of their own that they've forgotten for whom they are supposed to be working the

Brexit result may prompt other separatist movements where none might have been expected a month ago.

Take Ontario as a possible example. A number of years ago Bill Murdoch, maverick MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, suggested Ontario should separate from the Greater Toronto Area.

That sentiment raises its head each time the bureaucrats in Toronto behave like, well like bureaucrats in Toronto.

Whether it's pushing through a trails bill that has a huge impact on private landowners without consulting private landowners, or approving wind turbines in municipalities where most of the population is opposed to them, the Ontario government has a unique way of snubbing its nose at what everyone outside of the GTA.

As rural schools continue to close at the feet of the gods of bigger-is-better, the anti-government sentiment is growing stronger and spreading to young parents who probably didn't give it a thought before now.

British Columbia last week recognized the value of some rural schools to the communities in which they are located and is working on a plan to keep them funded.

Many others in that western province will close, but at least tip service has been given to the fact schools are about communities in some cases as much as about education.

And they should be about communities more than about senior government strategic plans.

In Ontario some parents and community activists concerned about rampant small school closings don't even seem to be able to arrange an audience with government officials.

So establishing the area outside the GTA as its own province is an appealing dream. Surely the fact it's a recurring dream should cause a little wakening at Queen's Park. In light of Brexit.

-JIM MERRIAM, POSTMEDIA NETWORK



## Do you remember?

Our thanks to Thomas Gostlin and Mini McTague who identified Wayne Green as the jockey in last week's photo taken at the Fort Erie race track in 1976. Thomas tells us that Wayne, shown here on a quarter horse, is still active as a trainer on the Ontario tracks. This week's photo shows picketers at the beach. Do you remember taking part in this protest? We would like to hear from you. Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail [us.museum@forterie.ca](mailto:us.museum@forterie.ca).

## Letters to the Editor

### THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Thank you Fort Erie for supporting my Dog Day of Summer 2016.

Your overwhelming response helped the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue and the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Thank you to the owners of Fort Erie Canadian Tire, Gordon MacDonald and family, the people and businesses that donated prizes and treats, my volunteers and those that could attend.

I couldn't have done this without you all. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

DIANA THOMPSON

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Somewhere in Canada, a patient will be thankful. MICHAEL BETTEL, DIRECTOR OF DONOR RELATIONS, SOUTH CENTRAL ONTARIO CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

# Memorial weekend vacation filled with history

**I**d had a super weekend the end of May and it's a story I would like to share with readers.

I was sitting comfortably on that great porch at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in northern Michigan.

On the mainland across the way, a ceremony was to be held in a few days.

We missed a speaker who told about a massacre. It was the 250th anniversary of the most dramatic event at Fort Michilimackinac. On June 2, 1763 the fort was captured by Ojibway and Sauk warriors.

The fort had been a French outpost for years. With the defeat of France in the French Indian War of 1756-63 Great Britain took over their former forts. A small contingent (35) of British soldiers were posted there.

It was a beautiful early June day.

Native Sauk and Ojibway families started to arrive.



When Nature Calls

Some 500 it is estimated gathered for the festivities. There was to be a lacrosse game that the soldiers could view from the festive seating. The two teams started in earnest.

Soon they were sweating from their physical exertions. It was a great game for the British soldiers to watch. The majority of the garrison laid down their muskets in the fort. They and their Major George Etherington joined the sidelines. Half naked bodies painted with white clay and charcoal performed in the Lacrosse competition by their tribe. A big mistake was made

by Etherington. As part of Pontiac's Rebellion the natives suddenly turned on the defenceless British. Most of the garrison were killed in a massacre. That was 250 years almost to the day.

We, however, were on Mackinac Island, just across the way.

People and more people, it was the American holiday, Memorial Day. The evening five course meals in the Grand Hotel served 830 of us in the Banquet room. Think big.

That first day we found our room was a most luxurious room named the Napoleon Room.

There was evidence on the walls of Napoleon's exploits. A huge painting greeted guests in the bathroom. We had paid no more for the great location. Two days for wife Elaine and I in a most luxurious setting.

Mackinac Island is Pileated woodpecker coun-



In front of Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.

try. During a past visit, we heard them and evidence of their work. This time we saw only their great pecking.

Caleb, his duo horse team of cross bred Percherons, was our carriage guide. Caleb was born and raised on the island. He had much insight about this unique setting. We had been here on more traditional car-

riage rides. Just the four of us. Caleb took us on a much different route. We saw homes and sights not shown by the much larger tour carriages. Great trip.

Last time I missed the Fort Mackinac tour with my last knee. Not this time. Granddaughters, Kiersten, pushed me in a wheelchair to the fort and all around the well



A Pileated woodpecker's work.

preserved structures. I photographed the various rooms and buildings. Very interesting. Thanks, Kiersten. I had a great time on my trip. There were great breakfasts and unbelievable dinners at the Grand Hotel. It's well worth the visit if you're interested.

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, local historian and nature lover.

## Summer reading club, art workshops and fun with gizmos and gadgets all at the library

**A**nd we're off! Off to a great start for the TTD Summer Reading Club and all the amazing programs at the Fort Erie Public Library that are offered throughout the summer for children from 1 ½ to 18 years of age.

If the young person in your life isn't yet signed up for summer reading, they can register at any branch, at any time. There are stickers, prizes, special challenges and online activities for readers of all ages, and there are robots, games, gadgets, art workshops, science experiments and even movie making throughout the summer. Pick up a summer reading activity guide or a



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newsletter at the branch nearest you, and plan a season of fun at your library.

On Wednesday, July 6, local artist Danny Fast will lead young people ages eight to 14 through painting their favourite emojis, step-by-step. They will learn painting skills and leave with a cool image to hang up. Registration is required for these workshops, which will

be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch and at 2 p.m. at Crystal Ridge. The cost for the workshop is \$5.

A younger set will want to try **AMY REEBUCK** Games and Gadgets, for ages five to seven. On Monday afternoons from July 4 through the 25th at the Centennial branch, children can have fun playing high energy team games such as Just Dance, obstacle courses, and balloon volleyball. Each session, we will also explore technology with robots and LittleBits. In August, Games and Gadgets will be held at the Crystal Ridge branch. Registration is required, along with a payment of \$2 for all 4 weeks.

Wild about Science is a chance for children ages seven to 12 to learn about natural phenomena such as extreme weather, and put new skills to the test with mind blowing science experiments, led by educator Amy Wilson. Registration is required for each workshop with a fee of \$2 per session. Wild about Science will be offered on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch, beginning on July 7. Kids can register individually for some or all of the sessions.

We have fun for adults and teens, too, with movie choices each week. On Tuesday, July 5 at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch,

and on Thursday, July 7 at the Centennial branch, beginning at 6:30 p.m., patrons can enjoy Michael Moore's latest comedy, *Where to Invade Next*. Moore, playing the role of "invader," visits a host of nations to learn how the U.S. could improve its own prospects. Perhaps the solutions to America's problems already exist in the world — they're just waiting to be co-opted. On Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, Mustang will tell the story of Lale and her four sisters, who come home from their school in a village in northern Turkey. Ironically, innocently playing with boys. The supposed debauchery of their games

causes a scandal; the family home becomes a prison, classes on housework and cooking replace school, and marriages begin to be arranged. The five sisters, driven by the same desire for freedom, fight back against these limitations.

All branches of the Fort Erie Public Library will be closed tomorrow, July 1 for Canada Day. Our website is always open for browsing the collection and placing holds, and for enjoying music, books and movies — available from Freegal, Overdrive and Hoopla on www.fep.ca.

Amy Reebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

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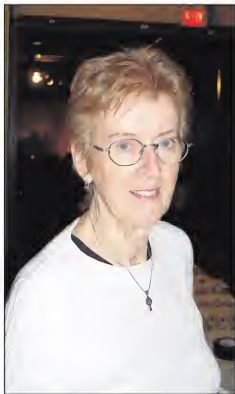
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# Patricia Anzovino, a community builder and compassionate advocate



Patricia Anzovino.

As a young woman just graduating from university, I met Patricia Anzovino at Casa El Norte, where I worked for the summer of 2005. From that first moment I met her, I knew that she would have a profound impact on my life.

She struck me as a woman with a never-ending energy who would go to great lengths to ensure that anyone in need received help, would be greeted with a smile, and that there would always be someone checking in to see how they were doing.

Little did I know what an impact she had already had in the lives of thousands of others in our community and around the world.

As our relationship grew through the years, so too did her encouragement for me to take up the causes affecting the lives of newcomers to Canada and her willingness to show me that a life of volunteerism and advocacy was something to be held in great esteem.

Like many of the other founding five families in

the refugee assistance movement in Fort Erie, Ms. Anzovino was willing to give of her time and resources so that those coming to our borders would be able to start life in Canada with more than just the clothes they wore.

She and her friend Charlene Heckman, as well as many others who they encouraged, took in many families and individuals, not only giving shelter but also a first glimpse of what the welcoming spirit of Canada had to offer. As I talked with coworkers at Casa El Norte during 2005 and was introduced to the newcomer community, it seemed that everyone I met had a story related to how Ms. Anzovino either impacted their life or the life of someone they knew.

What they all had in common was her profound and deep love for individuals she met. Whether in her roles as an advocate for newcomers or multiculturalism, or in being a voice against sexism and racism, the common theme amongst all of her work was love; love for people, love for

the Fort Erie community, and love for encouraging others to join her in a cause.

Ms. Anzovino, born and raised on a family farm near Lindsay, Ont., was an elementary school teacher for over thirty years with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Her love of family, her community, and her desire to help others were born out of the examples that her parents set for her growing up. Hospitality was something she was taught at a young age and has excelled at throughout her life.

Hosting and organizing meetings with local and provincial political leaders so they could be informed of the issues needing attention in the community, feeding both refugee claimants and immigration officers during long hours of processing and interviews during the late 1980s, and developing support groups for various minority groups are just a few examples of the unique gift of hospitality that Ms. Anzovino has blessed our community with.

While Ms. Anzovino has won numerous awards for her work in the Fort Erie community, she has always been an example of class and humility, always acknowledging that her work was a team effort or required the hands of many to be truly fulfilled. Her drive to make our community a better place to live, work, and play was fueled

by a desire to see a community where diversity and inclusion could thrive.

Her involvement as a member of the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, COPE, Survivors House of Hope, the Arthritis Society, and the Refugee Assistance Organization, as well as a host of others, helped to make those desires come to fruition.

Due to her tireless efforts and the efforts of those with whom she worked, countless lives have been changed.

Newcomer women who dealt with isolation, past abuse, or who witnessed war atrocities found help because of her efforts, children who needed proper clothing or food had their needs met, refugee children were given a homework club, and Kosovo refugees were met with a team of volunteers from our community that Ms. Anzovino helped to organize.

The depth and breadth of her work goes beyond what simple words can express but it is important to acknowledge Ms. Anzovino and her work, as it has become the foundation upon which I and many others can build upon.

The work she started is not finished and it is an honour to continue on with the work of this humble yet passionate leader for social justice.

Rosemary Legge for the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre.



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# From the gardener's journal

"Every flower lives its destiny without doubt...a daisy never wonders if it should have been a rose!"

Such a wise reminder that we each have a purpose and it is uniquely ours. The plant world seems to speak that wisdom again and again as we seed and propagate and grow. Each living plant serves a purpose and has a place. And will, given the opportunity try and re-produce itself. The nature of living is to leave a legacy, be it seed or deed. No, the hot sunny days haven't scrambled my thoughts. I embrace the heat and sunshine, and this is my kind of June weather. I think the roses agree as they are showing off beautifully now, not only in our space but all



over the community.

I delight in seeing the different hues of these lovely flowers and considering the bee activity. I think I am not alone in admiring the blooms this month. But then so many flowers are bursting into bloom right now. Each day is a feast for the eyes as colour is everywhere, even in the pure whites by moonlight.

The hot and dry can be

a challenge to our spaces. I know it is all I can do to keep the beach side garden from withering away and it has been so hard on the usually lush perennials growing there. We keep hoping for a good and thorough rain but until then, it is bucket bragger by vehicle as the limited water supply exists in this area. And to keep the growth going at these three or four other spaces I am responsible for has been a good and time consuming challenge. And then there is the garden planted by the outside of the greenhouse at the high school. That was primarily planted to provide ground cover so that grass didn't need cutting in that narrow space. With some

weeding and some watering early in the season, a quick look this week and wow! The flowers planned in random have filled in and are showing their own strength and such colour. I know many like the look of soil showing between plants, but I think this random and full growth is stunning. I know this season we placed some vegetables and herbs in with the riot of growing plants.

The best part of growing is to see the results of an experiment of sorts, planned or otherwise. Sometimes, it all works beautifully. Thinking of this dry season I thought I would suggest a few hardy and capable perennials that seem to enjoy the hot and

dry. Nice to have these for colour when everything else is fading.

Sultry Summer Blooms: Bee Balm (Monarda), Butterfly Weed, Purple Coneflower (Echinacea), King's Grant daisy (Hemerocallis), Gateway Joe-Pye weed, Purple Rain Lilac Sage, Russian Sage and Homestead Purple Rose Verbena.

Any small ground cover sedum like Dragon's Blood

adds colour even in the driest times.

And while you enjoy these warm growing days why not also enjoy these beverages that speak of the loveliness of summer evenings? (See box)

See you at the beach, along the trail and of course, in the gardens. Keep growing. *Ruth Vold Markle is the vice president of The Fort Erie Horticultural Society.*

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Since it is a medical condition, a dentist cannot diagnose sleep apnea. Only medical doctors or sleep doctors can diagnose this

condition and patients need to go through sleep studies. Once the sleep study is done, your sleep doctor can diagnose the condition and offer appropriate treatment



Dr. John Inigo

options which may include CPAP and/or oral appliances which can be made by your dentist.

Did you know that snoring and sleep apnea are related? When your tongue collapses to obstruct the airway, you get obstructive sleep apnea. When this obstruction is not complete (i.e. there is a small gap), your tissues around the

airway vibrates and that is the root of snoring. If you suspect snoring, did you know a dentist can treat that condition?

Next time, I will discuss how sleep disturbances can cause some of dental diseases. Meanwhile, if you suspect you are having sleep disturbances, discuss them with your healthcare professionals, your doctor and your dentist. It may cause more harm to your overall health than you think.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at [www.inigodentistry.com](http://www.inigodentistry.com)

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MPP Wayne Gates and Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop welcomed FESS students who had medalled at various Specialist High Skills Majors competitions across the province and country over the last two months to council last Monday to recognize their efforts. From left are MPP Wayne Gates, Kimberlyn Kiss, Pauline Cotter, Katrina Waters, Dalton Bird, Caitlin Brooks, Curtis Miller, Swazie Laurzon, Jason Haywood, and Mayor Wayne Redekop.

# FESS students honoured at council

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Secondary School may be small in size but its students have a huge amount of talent.

Three of the school's students competed at the Skills Canada National Competition held in Moncton, NB., held from June 5 to 8 and brought one gold and one silver medal

home.

Jason Haywood won a gold medal for photography; Dalton Bird was awarded silver in the job demonstration category and Katrina Waters, who

won a silver medal last year, returned to compete for a second time in the baking category.

"It is a very big honour," Haywood, a Grade 11 student, said about his win. "All the competitors are very skilled and gracious. It was a great experience."

He said competitors are given a small amount of time to compete required tasks in order to win, and are pushed to their limits.

Bird, who is set to attend Niagara College next fall, agreed with Haywood, and said the competition is "very intense" and "very difficult."

"Everything you do is important right down to the smallest detail. There is no time for error"

Waters, who will also attend Niagara College in September, said she was grateful for the opportunity to compete in the Skills Canada National Competition because she was able to "make a lot of connections" in the culinary world. Many of the judges are industry professionals.

Waters said participants can try and prepare as much as they like, but they won't know what it's like to compete until they are there.

"You can prepare all you like, and you know you can do something. What you don't know is whether or not you can do it in the time that is given to you. It's a lot more difficult and you can't prepare yourself for every-

thing (that you'll come up against," she said.

"This competition really does test your limits."

The purpose of the competition is to raise awareness of and provide hands-on experience related to skilled trade and technology careers.

Students must compete at local, regional and provincial competitions to earn a spot to compete in the national competition.

The trio previously medalled at the Ontario Technological Skills Challenges held in Waterloo last month to qualify for the national competition.

Bird, Haywood and Waters were among the group of students who were honoured at last week's council meeting.

Mayor Wayne Redekop and MPP Wayne Gates presented each student with a certificate to recognize their recent wins at Skills Competitions at the regional, provincial and national levels as well as a recent competition at Niagara College in a number of categories including culinary preparation and precision machining.

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# The Power of Pushing a Pedal

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Heather Ogilvie knows the power of pushing a pedal.

It not only gets her closer to the finish line of OneFoundation for Niagara Health System's (NHS) Big Move Cancer Ride, it supports treatment for cancer patients at the NHS's Walker Family Cancer Centre. Ogilvie knows first-hand as a radiation therapist how much the charity bike ride helps those who come through the Cancer Centre's door — patients and their families

in the non-competitive event were even more personal. Her mother, Gail, was diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time, and she would receive treatment at the Cancer Centre.

"It's become that much more important to support the facility because everyone has been really good to her," Ogilvie says. "My motivation comes from all the patients I see but also because it hits close to home."

Ogilvie will ride 100 kilometres at the eighth edition of the Big Move Cancer Ride on Sunday, Sept. 11. She's been building up to it since accidentally missing



The Bikefit Sunflowers are regular participants in the Big Move Cancer Ride



Heather Ogilvie (left) rides in the 2015 Big Move Cancer Ride alongside fellow Radiation Therapist, Alexis Millhiser

alike. So it didn't take much convincing to get on her bike four years ago and raise money for the cause. Last year, though, her reasons for pedalling 60 kilometres

a turn her first year and riding 32 kilometres instead of the 25 she signed up for. But no one should be daunted by that distance. With 25 and 50-kilometre courses,

the Big Move Cancer Ride is really about having fun, says Kristina Manzi, the OneFoundation's interim Director of Operations.

"It's a ride, not a race," she assures.

So far, 160 people have signed up, committing to raise a minimum \$500 in the process. All money stays in Niagara, where more than 33,000 radiation treatments have been completed since the Walker Family Cancer Centre opened in 2013.

Manzi hopes 500 people will strap on bike helmets come ride day. Because it's not a competitive event, cyclists 12 years of age and older can participate. They can prepare for the Big Move at weekly training rides held Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Rockway Community Centre.

Fundraising also doesn't have to be an exercise in spinning your wheels. Riders have hosted garage sales, sold homemade dog treats, shaved their head, or simply put a collection jar in a busy spot to make their fundraising goals. Ogilvie's hockey league holds a bottle drive to help her reach \$500 in pledges.

Forming a team of riders also helps, even if everyone cycles a different route on ride day.

"We have some really strong fundraisers," Manzi says. "The teams have a really unique way to help because it's gets everyone (on the team) motivated."

Much like Ogilvie's own reasons for riding have changed, so has the meaning of the event. Before the Cancer Centre opened, the theme was One Pedal at a

Time, with a focus on building the centre so patients wouldn't have to travel to Hamilton for radiation.

This year's theme is Inspired to Ride. Reasons to participate abound, Manzi notes, be it honouring a loved one's memory, celebrating a recovery, or because the \$2.8 million raised so far has been used to buy tools to assist treatment.

"It's tough to find people around here who haven't been touched by cancer in some way," Manzi says. "I've been (organizing this event) for eight years and ... you get to see the spirit of why people participate in this. It's really an emotional day on top of a fun ride."

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## Volunteers needed

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

The Ridgeway Summer Festival is almost here and there is a lot of work still to do.

The annual festival, planned for July 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and July 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in downtown Ridgeway is in need of volunteers, said Matthew Ferguson, assistant event co-ordinator.

"We need volunteers for a lot of activities. We need people to look after our Kids Zone, run our arts and crafts table for children, deliver festival flyers and information to guests and there are also clean-up and tear-down duties," he said.

Ferguson is looking for at least 20 volunteers to assist with the operation of the festival.

"This is a great opportunity for students that require

community service hours or for people that just want to get involved in their community," he said.

Ferguson began volunteering for the festival five years ago and he continues to help every year because "it is fun."

"I think it's important to give back to the community, especially when you live here," he said.

"It's also a great way to meet people and make connections."

Ferguson encourages individuals to contact him as soon as possible.

To volunteer for the festival e-mail Ferguson at [mfl2wd@brocku.ca](mailto:mfl2wd@brocku.ca) or call 289-476-1311 ext. 8.

Applications for vendors are also available on the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association's web site.

For more information about the Ridgeway Summer Festival visit [www.ridgeway-ont.ca](http://www.ridgeway-ont.ca).



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Last year, the Ridgeway Summer Festival featured a variety of vendors, artisans and musicians.

## Niagara Age Friendly Community Network urges council to consider strategy for seniors

AUSTIN GOODER

Special to the Fort Erie Times

As a community ages, it becomes increasingly important to modify the community to match the ever-changing needs of its residents.

Last Monday, Dominic Ventresca and Cathy Fusco, co-chairs of Niagara Age Friendly Community Network (NAFCN), presented the idea of an "age-friendly" Fort Erie to council.

Ventresca explained to councillors that today's aging

society's needs don't necessarily match the needs of prior senior communities.

"Older adults are increasingly well and active, living longer and are healthier," Ventresca said.

More and more, he said, older adults are remaining actively engaged in their community for longer. He said this is a result of several new trends, including better health practices and seniors staying in the workforce longer.

"More than ever, older

adults are active consumers, donors and participants of community."

Ventresca asked council to work with NAFCN to develop a strategy to make Fort Erie as age-friendly as possible.

The central tenets of Ventresca's presentation included facilitating active, positive lifestyles for all seniors, optimizing senior health and wellness, and improving senior access to community and support services.

Additionally, NAFCN focuses on the idea that

most seniors prefer to "age at home" in Fort Erie, but institutional support is sometimes lacking. These supports may include more affordable senior housing, or better in-town or inter-municipal transit systems.

A population forecast done in 2012 by Watson and Associates Economists for the Niagara Region suggests that nearly 19 per cent of Niagara Region's residents are over the age of 65.

In Fort Erie, that number is one per cent higher.

These numbers are expected to climb.

According to the same forecast, the percentage of Niagara's population over the age of 55 in 2006 was 27 per cent. They forecast this number approaching 36 per cent by 2031.

Ventresca pointed out that a growing senior community means a growing senior economy. He told council that the average "boomer" household, or households averaging ages 50 to 69, spend 66 per cent more on

goods and services than Millennial households, or households averaging ages 15 to 34.

During his presentation to council, Ventresca said there is a real need for making communities like Fort Erie more accessible to an aging community. He applauded council for their work with various senior advisory committees, but urged them to help him take the extra initiative needed to fulfill any potential project stemming from NAFCN's presentation.



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# Children challenged to read this summer

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Public Library has issued a reading challenge to children and teens this summer.

Library staff kicked off the beginning of the TD Summer Reading Club Saturday with a special celebration at the Centennial branch, which included a variety of games and activities.

Karissa Alcox, the library's new children and teens librarian, invites children of all ages to sign up for the club, which runs from now until Labour Day, at any branch.

Each participant will receive a club notebook to record the number of books he or she has read.

All they have to do is visit a library branch and let a staff member know what they have to read, whether it's a chapter book, non-fiction book or graphic novel, to receive a sticker and a special prize.

"There are lots of cool prizes like sunglasses, bouncy balls, sticky hands, temporary tattoos and lots of other little things," Alcox said.

Teens who participate in the reading club will be given a bingo card with a variety of reading challenges to complete, including reading a book recommended by a librarian, a book set in an unusual high school, a book that reminds them of Harry Potter or a

book that has been made into a movie.

Reading club participants will also have a chance to win the grand prize: a pair of passes to Niagara Parks attractions including the Butterfly Conservatory and Journey Behind the Falls. The summer reading club is a free program and is self-paced, which means kids can read as much as they want.

The top readers will also be invited to a private pool party at the Kinsmen Pool on Aug. 28.

There are plenty of other activities at the library to keep the youngsters occupied during their summer break.

Children with an interest in technology can learn how to code while experimenting with the library's new robots. There are four sessions during July and August and everyone who participates in all of them will receive a RoboKid Certificate.

Artist Danny Fast will teach a child's pop culture art class with step-by-step instructions on how to paint emojis at the Centennial branch at 10:30 a.m. and the Crystal Ridge branch at 2 p.m. on July 6. Educator Amy Wilson will teach mind-blowing science skills during her Wild About Science program planned for July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Crystal Ridge branch at 6 p.m.

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Stephanie McDougall uses tape and cardboard boxes to build a fort Saturday at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library.



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Leila Abdi wears a mask she created at the Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial branch Saturday.

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# Summer activities to wrap up with party

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Children can learn the art of stop motion animation and create their own videos on July 13 and 27 as well as Aug. 10 and 17 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Stevensville branch.

Artist and educator Melissa Lococo will offer a mixed media workshop on July 20 at the Centennial branch at 11 a.m. Children can learn artistic collaging skills and leave with a finished piece of art to bring home.

Bubbleology, a comedic show mixed with a variety of bubble tricks, has been planned for 2 p.m. at Stevensville Hall on July 30.

Alcox said children wouldn't want to miss the Chocolate Olympics Wrap Up Party on Aug. 18 at the Centennial branch at 7 p.m.

There will be lots of "exciting", some "messy", and fun activities with a chocolate theme.

Most of the programs require that participants register ahead of time and pay a small fee for materials.

For more information about



SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Haylie McDougall shows off buttons she made for the Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial branch on Saturday.

upcoming events at the Fort Erie Public Library visit [www.fepi.ca](http://www.fepi.ca).

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## Calendar Events

### SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY GAMES AND GADGETS

Play high energy team games such as just Dance, obstacle courses, and balloon volleyball. Each session, children can explore technology with robots and LittleBits. For children ages five to seven. Registration required. \$2 for all four weeks. July 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the Centennial branch at 3 p.m.

### ROBOT CLUB

Learn how to code while experimenting with the library's new robots: Dash, Sphero, Ozobot, and Lego Mindstorms. Kids who complete all for sessions will receive a RoboKid certificate. For children ages seven to 15. Registration required. \$2 for all 4 weeks. July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at Crystal Ridge branch. 10 a.m.

### POP CULTURE PAINTINGS

Local artist Danny Fast will teach children how to paint their favourite emojis, step-by-step. Registration required. Ages seven to 15. The cost is \$ per child. 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch and 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch on July 6.

### WILD ABOUT SCIENCE

Educator Amy Wilson will teach youngsters ages seven to nine about science with mind blowing

science experiments! \$2 per session. Registration required. This program runs for four weeks, every Thursday evening from July 7 to 26 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kids can register individually for some or all of the sessions.

### DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

The library's DM will lead players ages 13 to 18 and their team through a legendary campaign. Players of all experience levels welcome. Please note this is an ongoing series – players interested in joining after the first week should e-mail [kalcov@fepi.ca](mailto:kalcov@fepi.ca). Free. July 7, 13-30 p.m.

### STOP MOTION FACTORY

Learn the art of stop motion animation and create videos. For ages seven to 15. Registration required. July 5 and 27, Aug. 10 and 17 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Stevensville branch. \$2 for all 4 weeks.

### MIXED MEDIA MADNESS

Artist Melissa Lococo will lead kids ages six to nine through a mixed media workshop. They will learn artistic collaging skills and leave with a finished piece of art to bring home. \$5 per child. July 18 at 7 p.m. Centennial branch.

### BUBBLEOLOGY

Miss T The Bubble Queen and her Bubbleology Show brings a magical show that is a bubble extravaganza

of comedic, wondrous, silly, simple, magical with a mix of sophisticated bubble tricks. July 20 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$2. Stevensville Hall.

### NATIVE TURTLE PAINTING

Artist Debra Mallen will lead kids ages seven to 14 through a painting step-by-step. Everyone will leave with new paint skills and a beautiful painting to hang on their walls. Registration Required. \$5. Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. Centennial branch.

### WET FELTING

Artist Hazel Reinhart will teach kids ages eight to 12 the unique art of wet felting. They will create headbands and little figures to take home with them. Registration required. \$5. Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. Crystal Ridge branch.

### IMPROV 4 KIDS

Bring your imagination and a sense of silliness. We'll experiment with props, sound effects, and storytelling while playing drama games. Registration required. Ages five to 15. Free. Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Centennial branch.

### MURAL MAKERS

Artist Melani Pyke will teach kids ages five to 10 the art of mural creation! They will each work on one part of a mural, and together they will create a beautiful piece of art for public display. Registration required. Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. \$5. Centennial branch.

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It's a complete rite of summer. If you or your kids haven't had the pleasure, pick up some seeds later in the season and plant them yourself. They do like cooler weather. They do climb and have lots of little tendrils, so green peas are from the



## At the Market

legume family, are loaded with fibre and contain more protein in a 100-calorie, ¼ cup serving, than an egg. So fresh or frozen, load up. You can even eat the sprouts and shoots.

You'll see them gar-

nishing dishes in fancy restaurants.

Fresh or frozen, add these sweet little things to everything, like soups, stir fries, stews, and salads. I've even had a spectacular fresh pea cream soup topped with *crème fraîche*. Yummy.

Don't substitute dried peas or canned peas for fresh: it won't work.

They have a completely different taste and job. Canned peas are for desperation only, plus they're salty, mushy and just, Ewww. Gross!

Those sweet little things are available now through August at the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market at Hwy Farms and Viniki Farms. A second crop is again planted and ready in September at the Hwy Farms booth to satisfy that summer craving.

The Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market runs Tuesdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Jarvis Street.

Chrystal Haverstock is the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers Market coordinator.

## Lending a helping hand



SADAH FERDINSON/FORT FIVE TIMES

The students at St. George Catholic Elementary School in Crystal Beach wanted to do something to help when they learned someone broke into St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Welland and stole a lot of the food from the community church's food bank. St. George's Grade 6 class took up a collection of canned goods and the Grade 2 class held an auction and raised \$50, which was also donated to the food bank.

## PEAS AND MUSHROOMS

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- 1/2 lb fresh Cremini or white mushrooms sliced or one can drained
- 2 1/2 C or 400g shelled fresh peas

or frozen

- ½ tsp black pepper
- ½ tsp sea salt

Heat oil in a non-stick pan, add smashed garlic and fry on medium high heat until dark brown. Remove garlic. Add butter to pan and melt on medium heat, then add scapes and quickly toss. Add sliced mushrooms

and continue to fry on medium heat until they begin to sweat.  
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# Region faces \$1.3 million OW shortfall

MARVIANE FIRTH  
Postmedia Network

Niagara has a more than \$1-million problem.

Demand for social assistance benefits in the community is expected to exceed available funding by \$1.3 million for 2016 — a trend that will continue if action is not taken.

That was the message brought forward by Niagara Region's acting community services commissioner Adrienne Jugley to last Tuesday's public health and social services committee, where she outlined the need for a solution.

A review will be conducted to determine possible options to address the funding gap, including areas where benefits and programs could potentially be reduced or eliminated.

The review will include the Housing Stability Plan program, which supports homelessness prevention by providing assistance with first and last month's rent, rent arrears and moving costs; Niagara Emergency Energy Fund (NEEF), which assists

with gas and hydro arrears, and reconnection fees; and Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program discretionary benefits.

Those benefits include items such as dental services, funerals and burials, vision care, medical supplies, prosthetics and household necessities such as beds and major appliances. Also included is funding to ODSF clients to assist with housing-related costs such as rent arrears and utility cutoffs.

"They help pay for things that support client health and safety and that help people live or retain a place to live," Jugley said. "Obviously these things are also important to the employability of our clients, which is a key goal for our program and a focus of our work."

Before the end of the year, the Region's social assistance and employment opportunities division is anticipating demand in those three program areas to exceed the \$6-million budget by \$1.3 million.

Part of the issue, Jugley said, is low social assistance rates, which offer \$670 per

month to a single person and less than \$1,200 a month for a family of four.

The lack of funding pushes clients to rely on those discretionary benefits to get by, she said.

The budgeted funds are primarily provided by the province, with Niagara chipping in about \$192,000 for discretionary benefits and \$600,000 for NEEF.

The issue, one being faced by many Ontario communities, is partially rooted in policy and program changes introduced by the province since 2012, including cancellation of the community start-up and maintenance benefit, Jugley said.

"That program had gone a long way in helping clients and other low-income residents with urgent housing and other needs," she said.

Prior to that time, there was no cap on benefits, she added, which meant benefits that were needed were always received.

A provincially-mandated cap has since been put in place limiting discretionary benefits to \$10 per month for

each social assistance case, regardless of how many individuals are included under a single file.

Niagara's current OW caseload includes more than 11,000 files representing about 23,000 people.

The regional division has worked to absorb past shortfalls, offsetting costs through "under expenditures in other OW allowances and benefits," Jugley said.

But by 2018, OW benefits will be 100 per cent funded by the province and current levy funding may no longer be available to offset those overages — unless council chooses to directly address the issue, she added.

"Unfortunately, the changes that were made at the province and the ones we live with now are putting pressure on the services where we help people who are in crisis," Jugley said.

"What's important to know is that if we reduce or eliminate many of the benefits we currently provide, clients will likely not have other options. We are being told, even now, that the community agen-

cies simply don't have the resources to help us."

Options staff are reviewing as possible solutions include advocating for the province to increase the \$10 cap and to increase ODSF funding, eliminating or reducing benefits to stay within the budget and the provincial cap, or continuing to use funds within the regional tax levy to support current benefits, even after the provincial upholding has been completed.

"Our analysis will include a full understanding of the impact of recommended options, including potential negative risks to clients, increased demand on outside service agencies, or even potential decreased funding that support agencies," Jugley said.

St. Catharines Coun. Brian Heit recommended staff rank the benefits in order of importance to help council determine where reductions or cuts could potentially be made.

He asked for review of the funeral and burial costs in particular to outline whether cost saving measures were available.

Jugley said staff will likely return to council with a "combination of strategies" to address the issue.

"It will be up to council how much they want to strip back."

The province is in the process of a progressive levy upholding of the cost of discretionary benefits.

"Every year the (regional) levy amount that is required is less and less," Jugley said, adding over the past few years those freed-up dollars have been allocated for other purposes during the budget process.

In 2016, that accounted for \$2.7 million — more than enough to address the increasing demand for benefits.

It will be at council's discretion, Jugley said, whether those dollars will be used in the future to help ease that pressure.

The staff report outlining future options is scheduled to be presented to council in September.

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# MPP Wayne Gates celebrates Fort Erie seniors

AUSTIN GOODER

Special to the Fort Erie Times

As an advocate for seniors, MPP Wayne Gates has taken a stand against cuts to senior services in Ontario.

Gates welcomed dozens of senior volunteers to the Douglas Heights Seniors Centre in Fort Erie to celebrate their work and dedication to the community on June 14. Many of these same volunteers, said Gates, were crucial in fighting against recent changes to senior medication co-pays by the Ontario government.

Gates and his constituency assistants, with the Fort Erie Lions Club and volunteers from the seniors centre committee, served a cold lunch that was open to the community, but was specifically held to recognize senior volunteers.

According to Gates, recognizing senior volunteers is crucial in keeping the chain of volunteerism going.

"We need to get young people interested in vol-

unteering, and I think that starts by making volunteering exciting to them," Gates said before the luncheon.

Gates commended the volunteers for their ability to rise up when they're needed most by the community.

"When the government was trying to raise the co-pay, I honestly had people coming to me and saying 'Wayne, I have to choose between my medication and food.'"

Gates said seniors in Fort Erie played a direct role in the government overturning their decision.

"Some of the people in this room, they were the ones speaking out and signing the petition I presented," he said.

Before digging in, Gates took a final opportunity to say how cherished volunteers were by Fort Erie.

"We need them. We need them."

Gates's constituency office is located at Douglas Heights, and his team can be reached at wgates.fc@ndp.on.ca.



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Ryan Donnelly, constituency assistant to MPP Wayne Gates, joined senior centre coordinator Dana Harvey and Gates in celebrating contributions by the senior community in Fort Erie at the Douglas Heights Seniors Centre on Tuesday, June 14.

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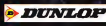
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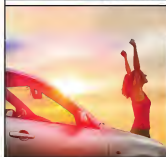
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Special awards were presented to Ballet Plus School of dance students (from left) Merrin Young, rising star, Lily Fusco, most improved, Kaelynn Fitzgerald, spirit, and Katelyn Jourdey, commitment. The students are pictured with their dance teacher Lorna Oatley.



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From left, special awards were given to Ballet Plus School of Dance students: Sara Marr for tap, Karmyn Fitzgerald, jazz, Mya McDonough, lyrical, Allie Kakhara, ballet, and Kaitlyn Bennett, hip hop. They are pictured with their teacher Lorna Oatley.

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Ballet Plus School of Dance recently held its annual end-of-the-year banquet. The students pictured in this photo received their five-year pins. From left are, (front row) Keza Mayfield, Emma Howells, Sierra Schertzing, Evelyn Kormendy, Jasmine Fusco, Grace Koscak (back row) Faith Phibbs, Jacey Trickett, Alana Willick, Brooke Fletcher, and Delana Wiens, with their teacher, Lorna Oatley. Erika Brown is absent from the photo.

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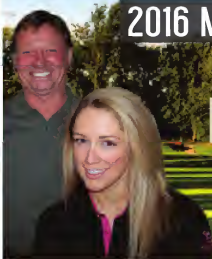
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Coach Simon Reeves keeps an eye on striker Tyler Bythell as he warms up goalie Bobby Brenner during a recent game in the Under 9 boys travel division at Optimist Park.

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Starting July 4, 2016 until August 5, 2016, a full closure of Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue) will occur between Wintemute Street and Courtwright Street. During this period, the contractor, Rankin Construction Inc. will replace the Central Avenue bridge by dismantling the existing bridge spans and subsequently sliding/jacking the new structure currently being constructed on the west side, onto the newly constructed substructure. Included in this task will be road construction on the north and south approaches to suit the new road profile. In addition, the intersection of Courtwright Street and Central Avenue will be reconstructed.

#### Traffic Implications/Detour Route:

During this closure, Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue) will not be accessible to the public between Wintemute Street and Courtwright Street. Vehicular traffic, as well as low-clearance trucks, will be able to access the north and south sides of the Central Avenue Bridge via the approved detour route. Vehicular traffic will be detoured via Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road), Regional Road 122 (Thompson Road) and Regional Road 21 (Phipps Street). Trucks over 3.7m clearance requiring access to streets north of the Central Avenue will be detoured using the QEW and Regional Road 25 (Netherby Road).



During the full closure, the intersection at Courtwright Street will also be closed. Courtwright Street will be temporarily converted to two-way traffic to accommodate this closure in order to maintain access to businesses and residences. It is anticipated that the temporary conversion will occur one week prior to the full closure.

In addition, during the full closure, Wintemute Street will be re-opened to traffic to improve traffic movements around the work site.

Pedestrians will continue to be detoured using the Niagara Parkway until the bridge slide and transition is complete.

#### Heavy Vehicles Requiring Permit under the Niagara Parks Act:

Please note that as a result of this detour, vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 5000kg must obtain a permit from The Niagara Parks Commission prior to accessing the Niagara Parkway.

If you are contemplating any actions covered by the above noted legislation, a Permit Application Form can be obtained found on The Niagara Parks Commission website at <http://corporate.niagaraparks.com/properties-planning/permits-applications/> and sent to [properties@niagaraparks.com](mailto:properties@niagaraparks.com).

For information on how to obtain a permit or for general inquiries regarding how this detour affects your travel routes, please contact Pamela Bunnin, Manager, Property & Realty at 905-295-4396, ext. 3257.

#### Noise, Vibration and Dust Control:

As this construction task involves the dismantling and movement of large sections of bridge components, the process is moderately noisy. Furthermore, to facilitate the short disruption of traffic caused by this full closure, the Contractor will be permitted to work extended shifts that may include night and weekend works. The Contractor will endeavour to mitigate noise by minimizing or isolating idling of vehicles and noisy equipment. There is no drilling or piling involved in this exercise, however minor vibration may be experienced in the movement of heavy cranes and machinery, although this is anticipated to be brief and of low intensity. Dust control measures currently in place throughout the construction period will continue during this closure period.

Any inquiries concerning this project may be directed to Regional Dispatch at 905-984-3690 or Jason Marr, P. Eng., Senior Transportation Project Engineer at 905-980-6000, ext. 3552 or Dave Mallen, Hatch at 416-527-0322.

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# Class of 2016 inducted into Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie's top athletes were celebrated on the weekend.

This year's inductees joined more than 70 names that have been celebrated on the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame over the course of 36 years.

Mayor Wayne Redekop said the men and women listed on the wall are part of Fort Erie's rich history.

"We have a long history in Fort Erie of people talking about a conflict that helped shape our nation, or our international railway history. It's only fitting that we recognize the individuals that effect our history through athletics," he said.

The annual event, hosted by the Fort Erie Kinsmen, was held Friday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall to honour the community's most gifted athletes.

The induction ceremony was attended by more than 250 people, which included past and current inductees and their families.

This year's class of inductees included Charles Blair, the Crystal Beach Imperial House Basketball Team, John "Pass-Eye" Passero, Peter Ruch and Ian Wurster.

Blair was an infant when he moved to Canada from Scotland with his family. He quickly became Canadianized and learned to play hockey.

He played professional hockey for almost 12 years before retiring in 1961.

Blair was playing with the



Charles Blair



Jason Wurster



John Passero



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The Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame induction ceremony was held Friday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.



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The Crystal Beach Imperial Basketball team members were the Intermediate C Eastern Canadian Basketball Champions in 1961. From left, are (front row) Gord Miller, Ken Traves, Bert Szydlak, co-captain, Bob Clout, playing coach, Mike Kormos, Dick Mullane, (back row) George Slott, sponsor, Bob Stoltz, Ted Renshaw, Joe Opatovsky, Ken Atwood, Pete Sokach and Brian Ellsworth.

Toronto Marlboros in 1949 when he was called up to play his one and only NHL game for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

After he retired, Blair moved to Fort Erie where he became a businessman, and ran the Angelo Hotel and the Blair Sports Complex.

Over the years, he was an

avid sponsor of many junior hockey teams and he passed on his love of the game to his children and grandchildren.

Between 1957 and 1960, the Crystal Beach Imperial House Basketball Team, known as "The Imps," excelled at basketball, winning three Ontario basketball titles. The team went on to win the



Peter Ruch

Canadian Intermediate C Championship in May 1960, which at the time was the highest level to achieve.

Passero was a horse trainer with a career that spanned three decades beginning in the 1930s until his death in 1963.

During the 1950s and '60s, there was hardly a stake race Passero didn't win on the Ontario Jockey Club circuit. He had a total of 60 stake winners.

In 1960, Passero was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame. Born and raised in Fort Erie, Peter Ruch was a police

officer with the Niagara Regional Police from 1966 to 1996.

He wanted to spend more time with his children so he joined the Fort Erie Wado Kai Karate Club with his family.

He earned his black belt in three years and he went on to become the head instructor of the Fort Erie club.

He is credited with teaching more than 2,500 young students and was involved nationally with the Shintani Wado Kai Karate Federation for many years.

Jason Wurster was this year's youngest inductee.

He took up pole-vaulting in Grade 9 and quickly excelled at the junior level, winning and setting a new record at the OFSAA Championship. He went on to win his second OFSAA Championship as a senior where he still holds the record for the highest jump.

His list of achievements also include a Canadian Junior Championship title in 2003 and was the named the Canadian Men's Pole Vault

Champion from 2005 to 2007 and again from 2010 to 2012.

His personal best is a height of 5.60 metres, which is the equivalent of a two-storey building.

Cathy Dennaower, chair of the Sports Wall of Fame nominating committee, thanked everyone who attended the evening to celebrate the inductees.

"This is a most memorable time for our remarkable inductees," she said.

Dennaower recalled two influential athletes who died earlier this year and explained the impact both men have had on sports history worldwide.

"We must pay tribute to Gordie Howe and Muhammad Ali," she said. "You inductees, both past and present are our community's Howes and AIs. We appreciate your achievements and we take great pride in recognizing your achievements."

The Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame is located inside the arena at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

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# Rio Vista Retirees results

Excellent weather conditions were the order of the day last Wednesday morning as 54 Rio Vista Retirees turned out for the weekly golf competition.

The event was the always popular four man scramble. The 50/50 draw was won by Bruce Stapleton and the hidden hole was the fourth.

The weekly closest to the pin contest on hole seven was won by Mel Annett.

Only seven golfers managed to get their drive onto the green.



Rio Vista Retirees

Eden.

The challenge of finding the hidden red ball had no results.

There were rumours on the course that one group had a drive that was a mere 40 yards from the green on the par four eighth hole. The best the foursome could do from there was a five shot bogie.

This week was another four man scramble. The results from Wednesday were not available before the Fort Erie Times press deadline.

First place team this week was Mel Annett, Simon Hollerhoek, Jim House and Bob Mann. Second place: Harry Visser, Chris Bukator and Dave

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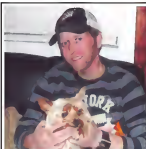


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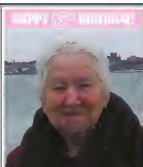
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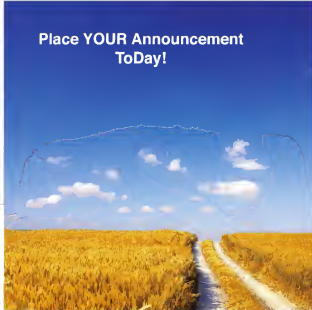
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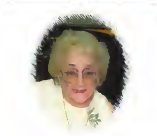
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**BLAIR, Anna (nee Holjevac)** - Passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday June 20th, 2016. Loving wife of the late Chuck Blair, Dan (Bew) and Guy (Kim). Cherished grandmother to Melissa (Dan) Heerdt, Amy (Kevin) Hewmer, Charlie (Jessica) Blair, Dayna (Will) Denham, Bryan (Jackie) Blair, Michael Blair and Rachel Blair and 17 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Predeceased by her siblings. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday June 23rd at 11 am from St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Interment to follow. An opportunity to meet with the family and refreshments will follow the interment at The Palace Restaurant. If so desired, contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Palliative Care Unit at Douglas Memorial Hospital.

The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand. The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land. The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains....

For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.

... - Anonymous



**KINNAID, Steven Douglas** - Steven passed away peacefully with her family at her side at the Elizabeth Centre in Sudbury, Ontario Wednesday June 22, 2016 at the age of 55. Beloved wife of the late William Ernest Morse. She will be missed by her son William Robert Morse (wife Angie) and grandson Ian Andrew Morse. Predeceased by her parents Giuseppe Mileni and Maria Valentin, brother Joseph Mileni (late wife Rita), her sister Pasqualina Mileni, and grandson William Angus Morse. She will be in the prayers of her brother Guy Mileni (wife Jan) of Sarasota Florida, sister Helen Wilby (late husband Glen) of Fort Erie and brother Nick Mileni of Stoney Creek. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews Dina, Darla, Joey, Tina, Michael, David, Debbie, Danny, Dino, Nick Jr. and Tony. She will live in the hearts of the family. *And friends she made*  
*And be known always for the foundation she laid*  
*Because goodness and fairness never die*  
*They go shining on like the stars in the sky*  
*Just as honour and truth endure forever*  
*Death is powerless to destroy or sever*  
*So her gallant soul has taken flight*  
*Into a land where there is no night*  
*Her spirit is alive, and she has only gone on*  
*To a brighter and more wonderful dawn.*  
**BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie, Ontario entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Sunday June 26th, from 7 - 9 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church 310 Central Ave Fort Erie on Monday June 27th at 11 am. Interment to follow at McAffee Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

The loss of a friend is like that of a limb; time may heal the anguish of the wound, but the loss cannot be repaired.

-Robert Southey

**MORSE, Louise Nickolina** - Passed away peacefully with her family at her side at the Elizabeth Centre in Sudbury, Ontario Wednesday June 22, 2016 at the age of 55. Beloved wife of the late William Ernest Morse. She will be missed by her son William Robert Morse (wife Angie) and grandson Ian Andrew Morse. Predeceased by her parents Giuseppe Mileni and Maria Valentin, brother Joseph Mileni (late wife Rita), her sister Pasqualina Mileni, and grandson William Angus Morse. She will be in the prayers of her brother Guy Mileni (wife Jan) of Sarasota Florida, sister Helen Wilby (late husband Glen) of Fort Erie and brother Nick Mileni of Stoney Creek. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews Dina, Darla, Joey, Tina, Michael, David, Debbie, Danny, Dino, Nick Jr. and Tony. She will live in the hearts of the family. *And friends she made*  
*And be known always for the foundation she laid*  
*Because goodness and fairness never die*  
*They go shining on like the stars in the sky*  
*Just as honour and truth endure forever*  
*Death is powerless to destroy or sever*  
*So her gallant soul has taken flight*  
*Into a land where there is no night*  
*Her spirit is alive, and she has only gone on*  
*To a brighter and more wonderful dawn.*  
**BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie, Ontario entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Sunday June 26th, from 7 - 9 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church 310 Central Ave Fort Erie on Monday June 27th at 11 am. Interment to follow at McAffee Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a charity of your choice.



**MILLER, Helen Mabel** - (1947-2016) - Peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Sunday June 26, 2016 following a brave battle with lung Cancer. Survived by her husband of 46 years Glen. Sister of Robert and Mary Ann of Calvin, Jim, Richard, Quinn, Kyle, Connor, Laura, Lisa and Shannon. Arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES** 722 Ridge Rd North, Ridgeway. Cremation has taken place. A service to celebrate Helen's life will be held at the funeral home on Saturday July 9th, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Douglas Memorial Hospital Palliative Care.



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